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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 11-164243 corresponds to US Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0181937 A1). The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the above-referenced application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-285648. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the above-referenced application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 11-265563 corresponds to US Patent Publication Nos. 6,308,006 B1 and 2002/0051625 A1. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the above-referenced application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-293950. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the above-referenced application and is shown in the English-language abstract.

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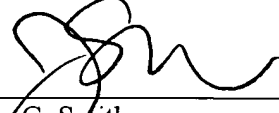
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		11-164243	Jun. 18, 1999	Japan			w/abstract	
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